

**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants** 

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For

METHOD FOR COMPENSATING THE POSITION OFFSET OF A

CAPACITIVE INERTIAL SENSOR, AND CAPACITIVE

**INERTIAL SENSOR** 

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## **AMENDMENT**

## Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-3, 6-11, 13, 17-19, and 22-24 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An inertial sensor made of semiconductor material, comprising a stator element and a rotor element electrostatically coupled together; and an actuator made of semiconductor material, coupled to said rotor element and controlled so as to compensate a position offset of the rotor element.



